Peerapper language

Northwestern Tasmanian, or **Peerapper** ("Pirapa"), is an <u>aboriginal language</u> of <u>Tasmania</u> in the reconstruction of Claire Bowern. [3] It was spoken along the west coast of the island, from <u>Macquarie Harbour</u> north to Circular Head and Robbins Island.

Northwestern Tasmanian is poorly attested from four word lists: The "west coast" vocabularies of Charles Robinson and <u>George Augustus Robinson</u>, with 246 words combined; the <u>Robbins Island</u> list of George Augustus Robinson, with 162 words; and the Macquarie Harbour vocabularies of Allan Cunningham (222 words), collected in 1819.^[4]

The list collected by George Augustus Robinson at <u>West Point</u> ("Western Tribes") is divergent, and falls out as a separate language in Bowern. However, it includes only 28 words, so little definitive can be said.

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Peerapper	
Northwestern Tasmanian	
Region	North-western coast of Tasmania
Ethnicity	Northwestern tribe of Tasmanians
Extinct	19th century
Language family	Northern–Western Tasmanian?
	Western Tasmanian
	Peerapper
Dialects	West Point?
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	хрw
Glottolog	None west2205 (http://glot tolog.org/resource/la nguoid/id/west2205) included ^[1]
AIATSIS ^[2]	T3 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T3) Northwestern (Tasmania), T6 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T6) Macqual Harbour, T11 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T11) Robbins Island, T12 (https://collection.aiatsis.gov.au/austlang/language/T12) Circular Head

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